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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Opportunity For Voters

GOVERNMENT'S unhesitating promise to make arrangements to hold an election for two vacancies on the Urban Council will be noted with general satisfaction. A certain amount of misapprehension has been cleared up in consequence of yesterday's Legislative Council announcement. A feeling existed that because a temporary amendment had been made to the Urban Council Ordinance shortly after Liberation, elections to the Council had been ruled out pending implementation of proposals for constitutional reform. The amendment which in effect suspended the holding of Urban Council elections, was originally introduced because of the possibility of a Municipal Council coming into being which would have assumed, among other duties, the functions of the Urban Council. The regulation was extended for a year when it was seen that public opinion had crystallised itself into supporting another aspect of constitutional reform affecting the composition of the Legislative Council. Since then, because of circumstances which both the Government and the public have deemed to be unfavourable for the immediate implementation of the constitutional reform proposals, action has been held in abeyance, and the transitional amendment to the Urban Council Ordinance which suspended elections to that body, has lapsed. Government, however, has been careful to see that the number of nominees to the Urban Council since the war has not exceeded a certain number; consequently it is possible today to make immediate preparations for the election of two additional members, thus making the Council fully constituted.

NOW that it has been definitely established that elections will be held, it will be extremely interesting to observe the degree of interest qualified voters will display in the event. The Reform Club has reacted quickly and announced that it will contest the elections. Its actual following is difficult to assess. Some public meetings have attracted audiences of three to four hundred; others have been poorly attended. It is conceivable too, that the Club has sympathisers who prefer not to publicly identify themselves with its activities, but who are prepared to give it practical support at the polling booths. Still to be known, of course, is whether there will be more than two candidates in the field for the vacancies; in the past there have been no contests because it has not been found possible to find more candidates than those required to fill vacancies. This latest opportunity can be regarded as a test for those organisations who have no vociferously championed democratic civil rights and privileges during the last four or five years. It is also a chance for those who profess an avid desire to exercise their voting privileges to give substance to their protestations. The manner in which those who profess the existing franchise make use of it in the forthcoming Urban Council elections will offer an informative guide to the genuine interest which the community has in the privilege of the vote.

## Appointed



MR J. B. GRIFFIN, QC

### Mr Griffin Appointed Chief Justice

#### Of Uganda

Hongkong's Attorney-General, Mr John Bowes Griffin, QC, MA, LL.D., has been appointed Chief Justice of Uganda.

The announcement was made this morning by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr Griffin has been in the Colonial Service since 1927 when he joined the Uganda Provincial Administration as a cadet officer, winding up his service there as acting Attorney-General in 1935.

He was transferred to the Bahamas as Attorney-General in the following year, and from there went to Palestine as Solicitor-General in 1939. He was acting Attorney-General there at various periods from 1940 to 1945 and was appointed Attorney-General in Hongkong in December that year, taking up his duties here in January, 1947.

Barister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, Mr Griffin is at present in the United Kingdom on vacation.

### Planes Search For Ships

Reykjavik, Iceland, Apr. 9. Four planes from Iceland searched unsuccessfully today for five Norwegian seal hunting vessels missing and feared lost in gales in Greenland waters.

There is a chance the crews, reported to total about 100, have been able to abandon ship in time and may be adrift on ice floes.

The weather is still very bad. At dawn a rescue plane took off from Keflavik, southwest of Reykjavik, and flew with radar in foggy weather over a large area but with no result.

The search was taken up by American planes stationed in Iceland and Norwegian officials asked the American military authorities on Greenland to help.

Icelandic Airways is sending a Catalina flying boat searching along the ice border. A Danish Catalina flying boat, waiting for flying weather to go to Greenland will also help in the search.—Reuter.

### Move To End Tea Rationing

London, Apr. 9. The President of the British Tea Buyers' Association said today that the whole trade would welcome the move to end rationing.

"The trade looks forward to the time when we shall be able to let the public have just what they want," he said.

A spokesman of a leading London tea firm commented: "We shall be overjoyed to feel we are free once more."—Reuter.

## 47 People Killed In Church Stampede

Caracas, Venezuela, Apr. 9. A false fire alarm, attributed to pickpockets, stampeded 6,000 Holy Week worshippers in a church today. Forty-seven persons were killed and 110 injured in a rush for the exits.

Terror struck a quietly praying throng in the 85-year-old Roman Catholic Church of Santa Teresa in "Day of the Nazarene" services that began at 2 a.m.

A Church spokesman said the cry of "fire, fire," was raised shortly after 5 a.m. by a gang of pickpockets and purse-snatchers who hoped to divert attention while they snatched valuables.

# Steel Companies' Challenge To Truman's Authority Fails

## JUDGE DENIES INJUNCTION

### Calls Request A 'Drastic Remedy'

Washington, Apr. 9. Two of America's biggest steel companies failed today in a legal challenge of the Government's dramatic seizure of the industry to avert a threatened strike of 650,000 workers.

Judge Alexander Holtzoff refused, in the United States District Court, to give an order barring the Government from seizing the plants.

President Truman had authorised the Commerce Department to take over the \$8,000,000,000 industry 90 minutes before the strike was due to begin at midnight.

The suits for an injunction were brought by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube and the Republic & Bethlehem Steel Companies. They were expected to appeal against the Judge's ruling.

Judge Holtzoff said that the temporary injunction demanded by the companies was a "drastic remedy" which the Court could not invoke unless there was a very strong case for it.

The threatened strike would have affected America's steel shipments to Britain and other countries, as well as her atomic energy programme plans.

First reports from Pittsburgh and other big centres said that the mills had closed their gates to workers today—although the Union had called off the strike and had declared its willingness to work in the Government-operated industry.

But shortly after midday United States Steel—the giant of the industry—said that it would resume operations in its Chicago mills starting with tonight's shift.

Then, counsel for Bethlehem Steel, another big company said during the court arguments on the Government's seizure that his company would resume operations "on the next shift or as soon as possible."

Another company, Jones & Laughlin, of Pittsburgh, said that it would operate its mills under the seizure order "as far as it may safely do so."

#### STRIKE OFF

Mr Philip Murray, President of the Steelworkers Union who called off the strike last night after the President's broadcast, travelled from New York to Washington to resume negotiations with the Government and industry on the dispute.

Mr Truman asked the Union and industry to send representatives to a conference at the White House later.

The threatened strike was called to back workers' demands for a wage increase and other benefits. The steel firms have refused to accept an increase of 17½ cents an hour and other benefits already recommended by the Government's Wage Stabilisation Board.

They said that they could not pay this unless they could increase steel prices by about \$12 a ton.

The present price of steel is about \$110 a ton.

A Union spokesman told Reuter today that Mr Murray was willing to resume negotiations with the industry. But if the industry did not agree to a common solution the Union might ask the Government to put its wage recommendations into effect and retain control of the mills.

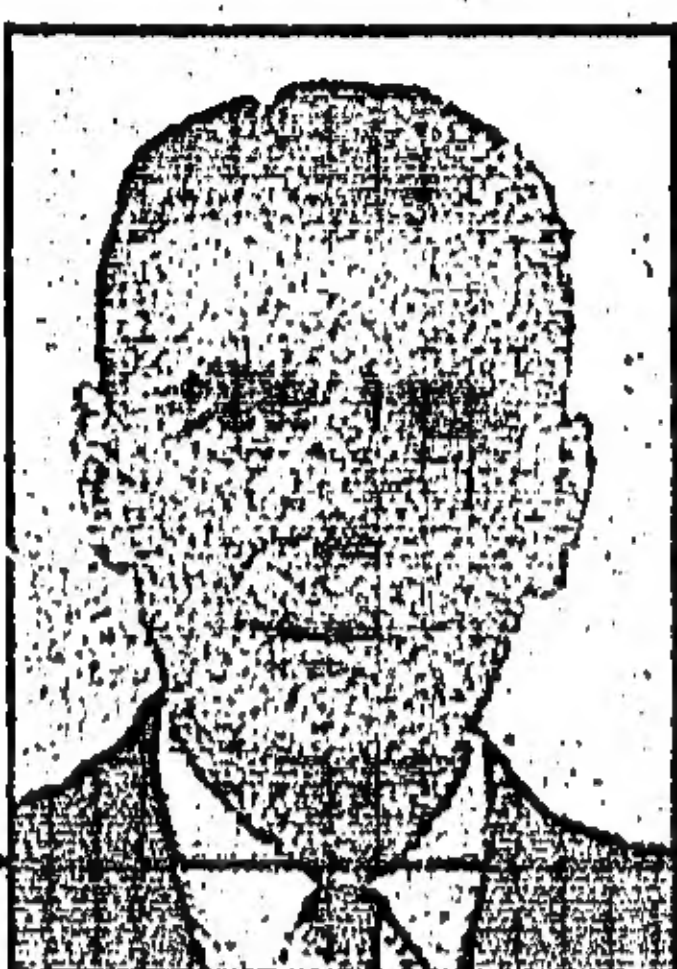
Reuter.

#### BEST THIS YEAR

London, Apr. 9. Coal production in Britain last week was the best of the year.

Deep mines produced 4,500,000 tons, 113,000 tons up on the previous week and 84,000 tons up on last year.—Reuter.

## Promoted



A France-Press Agency message from London this morning states that it was officially announced today that Vice-Admiral Sir Guy H. E. Russell, KCB, CBE, DSO, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, (above) has been promoted to the rank of Admiral.

## 7 States Shaken By Quake

Oklahoma City, Apr. 10. One of the strongest earthquakes in the Midwest United States in many years shook parts of seven states on Wednesday.

The shock appeared to be strongest in Oklahoma City, but it also shook an area extending from northern Texas to Des Moines.

It was felt as far east as Central Arkansas.

Several cities reported walls of buildings were cracked and plaster damaged.

At Des Moines workers in higher office buildings reported light fixtures and desks shook.

Dr R. Heinrich, Professor of Geophysics at St. Louis University, said the university seismographs indicated it was one of the worst shocks ever recorded in the Midwest. He said it centred either in Eastern Oklahoma or Eastern Kansas.

In Kansas City, Eddie Meisberger, an employee of the States Engineering Office who was working on the eighth floor, commented "my typewriter just crawled away from me." Chairs were overturned and windows broken in Kansas City.

Fifty miles north, at St. Joseph, Mo., a girl working on the 12th floor of an office building was made to fall by the swaying.

#### THE CAUSE

Dr Heinrich said the quake was caused by shifting of sub-surface breaks and fissures along the Nemaha Fault, a buried mountain range extending roughly from Oklahoma City to Omaha.

The quake was felt in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa, and shook such cities as Tulsa, Wichita, Topeka and numerous smaller cities.

At Mepherson, Kan., the operator of a grocery store reported it made "the cash register dance around."

Quakes are rare in the Midwest, but by no means unheard of.

One of the strongest ever recorded on the continent centred at New Madrid, Mo., in 1811. This one changed the course of the Mississippi River and created Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee.

Geologists said that had it occurred 100 years later when the Mississippi Valley was developed it would have caused a major disaster affecting the entire area from Denver to Omaha.—Associated Press.

## BOT Comment On Trade With China

### HK Merchants The Proper Agencies To Approach

London, Apr. 9.

The Board of Trade in an official statement tonight on the reported Chinese trade offers said that if Chinese Communists were prepared to do business with Britain, they had only to approach established British merchants in Hongkong and Shanghai who have been actively looking for such trade.

If the Chinese preferred they could approach the British Government through official channels, the statement said, they still have to approach the established British merchants first.

With regard to the reported Russian offers of textile contracts, the statement said—the Board of Trade had been pressing Russian representatives in London for six months to buy British consumer goods, especially textiles.

"If the Russians like Chinese to do real business with us they have only to take up our offer through the ordinary official channels or direct with our manufacturers," the statement said.

The Board of Trade statement continued: "There have been a number of reports in the press about the activities of the British participants in the Moscow conference."

"Lord Boyd Orr, whom they have chosen as their spokesman, has telegraphed to the President of the Board of Trade about the proposals for a trade agreement made by the Chinese delegation there, suggesting that the United Kingdom should send responsible people of Moscow, with the sample of our textile goods."

#### THE REPLY

"The President has replied, pointing out that the United Kingdom is, and has been, perfectly willing to increase its trade with China, and that established British merchants in Hongkong and Shanghai have been active in looking for such trade."

"If the Chinese were prepared to do business, they have only to approach these merchants."

"The President also referred his reply to press references to the willingness of the Russians to increase their trade with this country."

"Some of our exports are, as is well known, controlled on strategic grounds. But, there is still a very wide variety of all sorts on which there is no export control at all."

"The Board of Trade have in fact, been pressing the Russian representatives in London for six months to buy British consumer goods, especially textiles, and have expressed their readiness, in return, to take comparable goods from Russia."

—France-Press.

## KARACHI STATEMENT

Karachi, Apr. 9. The Pakistan Commerce Minister, Mr Fazlur Rahman, said today in the Parliament that the problem of resuming trade negotiations with Russia "is receiving the Government's attention."

Trade negotiations between Russia and Pakistan were broken off in 1950 when the Soviet delegation returned to Moscow without any result.

Now, after new Russian offers were made at the Moscow economic conference, Pakistan officials are studying them.

## Claim Settled For \$9¼ Million

New York, Apr. 9. A \$342,000,000 damage suit against Ford Motor Company, Dearborn Motors Corporation and other defendants was settled today on an agreement to pay Harry Ferguson, tractor manufacturer, \$9,250,000.

Payment, ending four years of complicated litigation, will be made to compensate for patent infringement claims made by the Ferguson firm.—United Press.

## Wreckage Of Plane Sighted

### Loss Of 37 Lives Feared

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

An Air Force spokesman today (Thursday) said a search plane had sighted what was believed to be the wreckage of a Japanese airliner, missing with 37 on board, 65 miles south of Tokyo.

The spokesman said the wreckage was seen on the east side of Shikoku, an island on the southern approaches of Tokyo Bay. No survivors were sighted.

The plane, with three Americans and 34 Japanese on board, vanished on Wednesday after reporting it was on course on a flight to Osaka. A sea search had centred off the coast about 100 miles west of Tokyo.

Planes took to the air to join the search this morning.

The plane in its last report had said that it was then over Oshima.

Yesterday Japanese Maritime Board officials reported the plane had crashed landed in the ocean near Hamamatsu. The Japanese sources said a U. S. minesweeper had reached the scene and picked up all the passengers.

NO CONFIRMATION

The Navy never confirmed the Japanese reports. It did report that two minesweepers—the Horon and Firecrest—were in the area. Another Navy vessel the cargo ship Tlanio enroute to Japan from Korea was sent to the area.

The Tlanio finally made radio contact with the minesweeper, and reported to naval headquarters that they had picked up "two survivors".

The Tlanio said it had been able to locate no signs of wreckage.

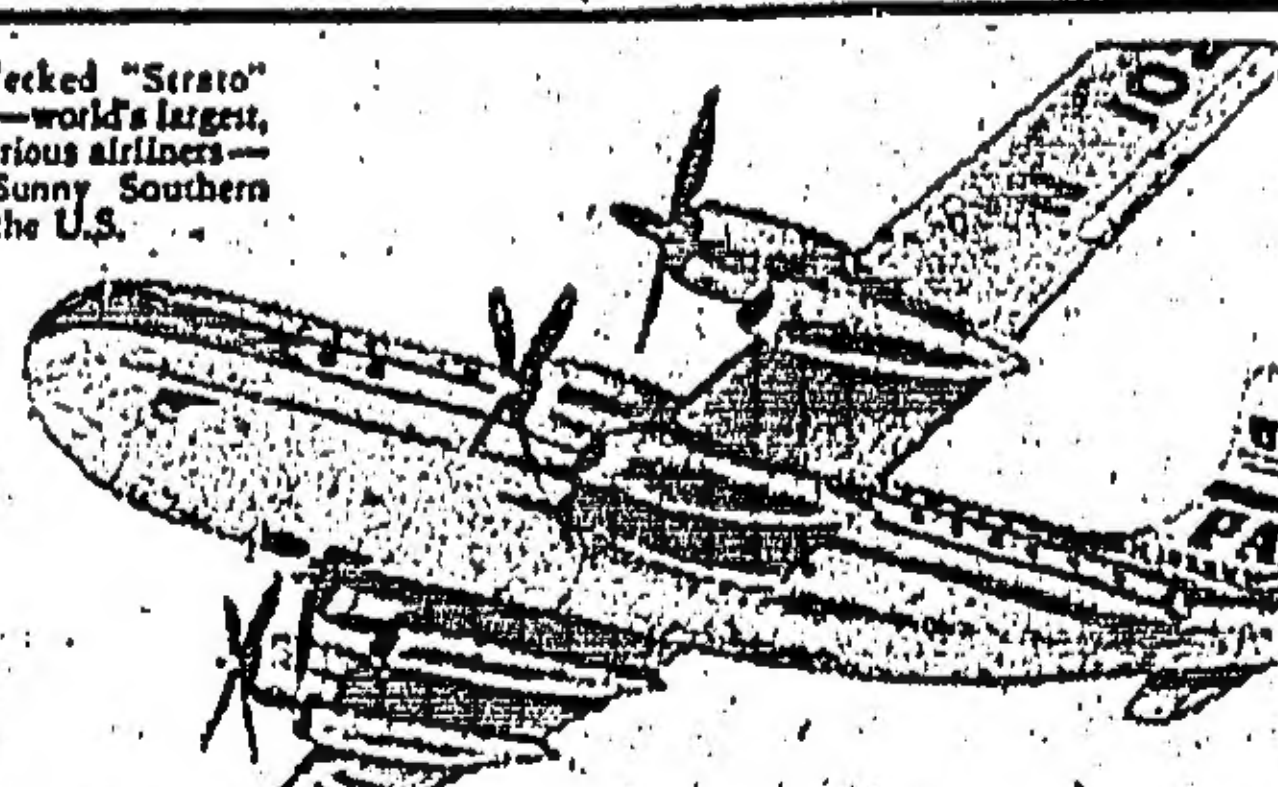
A Navy spokesman said the three had been ordered to "remain in the area and search".

The Japanese Maritime Safety Board has assigned every small vessel at its disposal to scour the coastal waters in and around Hamamatsu Bay near Hamamatsu.

The missing plane would be the first loss suffered by the Japan Air Line which went into business last Summer.—Associated Press.

## Brig. Sixsmith's Appointment

London, Apr. 9. Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) E. K. G. Sixsmith, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, British Forces, Hongkong, is to be Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Far East Land Forces, with effect from this month. It was officially announced today.—Reuter.



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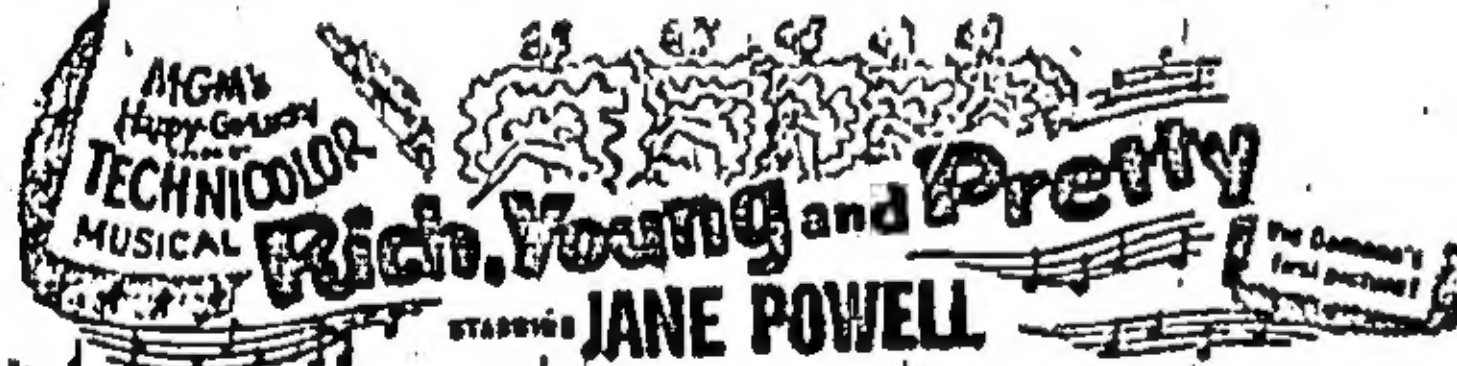


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### Ralph Lynn's Challenge

Bedford, Apr. 10. An offer made in a television programme by Ralph Lynn, the actor, to race anyone in England of his own age of 70, was accepted today by L.S. Watts, bootman of Bedford. Watts is married and has three children, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild. He keeps fit with a two-mile walk before breakfast every morning. He played outside-right for his firm's football team last season. He has run 100 yards in 11.2 seconds. — Reuter

### CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA

#### Anxious Concern Of British Government

London, Apr. 9. Lord Reading, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said tonight that the Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma were causing the British Government anxious and continuous concern.

The British Government was at one with it in regarding "these uninvited and unwelcome guests" a source of confusion and unrest.

Lord Reading, who was speaking in a House of Lords debate on foreign affairs, said that the delegates of the Chinese Nationalist authorities in Paris disclaimed any control over or support of these forces.

Thus, any approach by the British Government in that direction would be unlikely to prove useful even if we were in relation with the Chinese Nationalists as, in fact, we are not.

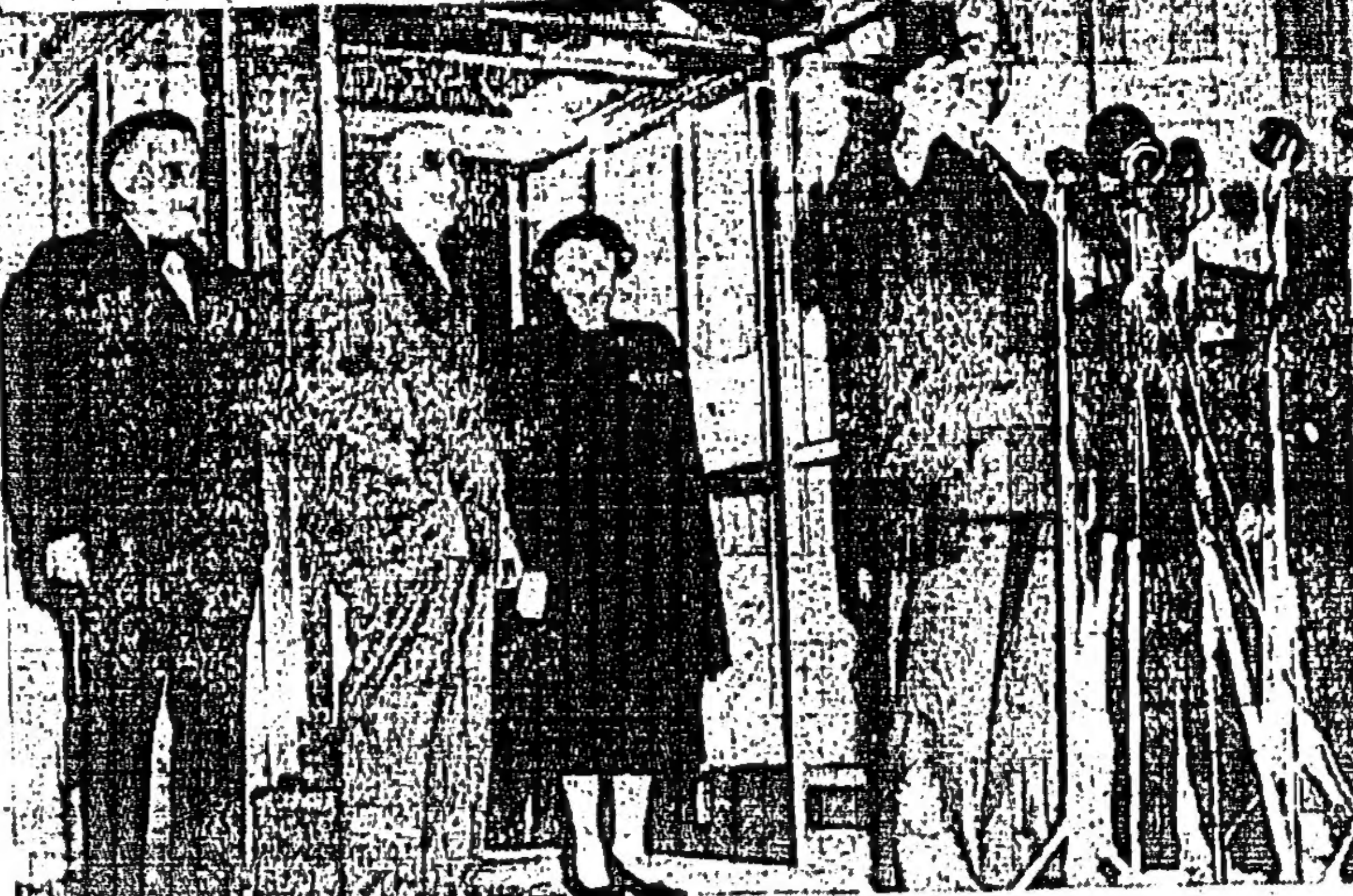
### Acrobatics At Olympia

London, Apr. 10. At the Royal Tournament at Olympia from June 4 to 21, men of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force will give a combined exhibition of higher gymnastics on acrobatic lines. It will be the most advanced display of its kind.

### FRANCO-SPANISH RELATIONS

Paris, Apr. 9. The Council of Ministers today agreed that the Spanish Charge d'Affaires in Paris should be replaced by an Ambassador, a spokesman for the Premier's office said.

### A Gold Key For President Truman



### Total Breakdown Of Reparations Talks Feared

The Hague, Apr. 9.

A very serious situation has been created in the German-Israeli talks by Germany's latest declaration setting the middle of June as the date for giving definite proposals for payment of Israel's claim, a spokesman of the Israeli delegation said tonight.

The chances of a successful agreement are slimmer than they were, he said, and there is a possibility that the talks will eventually have to be broken off.

### Snags In Trieste Conference

London, Apr. 9.

The three-power conference on the administration of Western Trieste is to be prolonged until after Easter, it is understood in diplomatic quarters here.

Representatives of Britain, America and Italy will not wind up their work at tomorrow's session, as had been earlier expected, but will adjourn until after the week-end, these quarters said.

Observers here took this to mean that the conference had run into some difficulties but they thought there was reason to believe the British and American delegations were at present willing to hand over to Italian officials the administration of the non-political departments in the Western (A) Zone of the Free Territory.

The present talks are concerned only with the governing of Zone A and not with the international status of the Free Territory as a whole.

The conference held a full working session at the Foreign Office this morning.

Delegates later worked on a communiqué due to be approved and issued tomorrow. — Reuter

### RED GESTURE TO FINLAND

Helsinki, Apr. 9.

The Soviet Union has cancelled the \$247,776 owed by Finland for late reparations deliveries last year, a spokesman of the Finnish Reparations Board said today.

Under the 1944 armistice treaty Finland agreed to send Russia \$300 million worth of reparations goods over a period of six years. Later Russia extended the period to eight years.

Finland has already delivered about 98 per cent of the goods she is to supply. — Reuter

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## Hairdressing Contest



Some of the hair styles displayed at a recent Paris hairdressing contest at the Palais d'Orsay. — Express Service.

## Opposition Attack On Adenauer

Bonn, Apr. 9. The West German Social Democratic Party today accused the Western Powers and the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, of trying to tie up West Germany in the Atlantic defence system before all chances of a four-power conference on Germany were exhausted.

The party's Federal Committee, meeting under the Acting Chairman, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, said in a resolution passed today that this policy led to the creation of a "lesser Europe" under the leadership of forces of restoration.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, although back in Bonn and almost fully recovered from his illness, "did not take part in the meeting."

Herr Ollenhauer told the Committee that the only consequence of Dr. Adenauer's policy was exclusion of possible talks between the four occupation powers and of a peaceful solution of the problem of German reunification. — Reuter.

## EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Vatican City, Apr. 9. Tens of thousands of pilgrims from all over the world had arrived in Rome last night for the grandiose Easter ceremonies.

Many more are expected to arrive by Sunday, when Pope Pius XII will make a radio address to the world from the balcony of the Basilica of St. Peter's and will impart his solemn blessing "Urbi et Orbi" to the City of Rome and to the world.

About half a million pilgrims and Romans are expected to gather in the huge colonnaded space before the Basilica to kneel before the slight white figure of the 75-year-old Pontiff as he gives his blessing.

Vatican officials said today that some 50,000 pilgrims have asked for an audience of the Pope on Saturday.

The Easter week-end will also be the signal for the appearance of hundreds of thousands of election posters on walls and hoardings all over the south. — Reuter.

## War Minister Quits

Tehran, Apr. 9. Iran's Minister of War General Morteza Yazdani, has resigned his post, a statement of the resignation, issued today, gave no reason for the step. — United Press.

## Plain Speaking By Acheson To Aid Countries

### Need To Encourage Investors

Washington, Apr. 9.

America's Point Four Programme for aiding under-developed countries could not succeed unless the whole of the United States' foreign policy succeeded, the US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today.

Addressing a conference of farm, labour, business, religious and professional groups interested in the programme, Mr. Acheson said that some countries were being overwhelmed with goodwill from American, United Nations and other missions but there was little co-ordination.

The problem was not just one of pouring in vast sums of money and technicians and people must be prepared to proceed a little slower.

Some encouragement of private investment in the under-developed countries was also necessary, he said.

"It will not occur unless there is a climate for investment abroad," he added.

Mr. Acheson declared: "Unless there is a climate for investment abroad you will not get the investments."

In many places the people who have spent a great deal of money and effort in developing industries are treated something like enemies. In that case you will not get private investment and the Government alone cannot do it all.

The underlying factors to be borne in mind in carrying out the programme were a realisation by many people that a life of misery was not pre-ordained and that independent aid from foreign domination was within their grasp, Mr. Acheson said.

But confusion arose when these people believed that the attainment of independence automatically brought with it a fuller life and freedom from disease.

## Wants Stay Of Execution

Washington, Apr. 9.

The attorney for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg today requested that execution of the death sentence against the couple, convicted of espionage, be postponed so that an appeal could be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

The Rosenbergs, who were convicted last year of having turned over atomic secrets to a Soviet agent, are in the death house at Sing Sing prison. — France-Press.

## Sudden Trip Home By Czech Trade Minister

Vienna, Apr. 9.

The Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Trade, Dr. Antonin Gregor, suddenly returned home to Prague from Moscow today as indications mounted that the Russo-Czech trade negotiations have run into serious difficulties.

The official Communist newspaper Rude Pravo, in reporting Dr. Gregor's arrival, made no mention of a new trade agreement although the talks started more than four months ago.

Dr. Gregor spends two or three months in the Soviet capital each year but his return to Prague is usually preceded by the announcement of an agreement.

He made a brief appearance at the Parliamentary Committee meeting in Prague on March 21. Four days later he was missing from a Cabinet meeting, indicating that he had immediately returned to Moscow.

Observers here noted that the talks have been accompanied by the sudden disappearance of top Czech officials.

The Prime Minister, Antonin Zapotocky, dropped out of public sight during late February and most of March without any official explanation of his absence.

Last week President Klement Gottwald failed to attend his mother's funeral and an announcement said that he was "ill."

The belief here was that both Dr. Gottwald and Dr. Zapotocky may have gone to Moscow to take part in the talks. — United Press.

## Oil Manager Resigns

London, Apr. 9.

Mr. Kenneth Ross, Manager of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's installations in Abadan, has resigned from the Company to take a job with a British engineering firm.

The 51-year-old Scot, who evacuated British oil workers from Abadan when the Iranian Government took over the huge installations, spent 18 years in Abadan out of a total of 29 with the Company.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company described Mr. Ross' resignation as being on perfectly amicable terms. — United Press.

## Another Panacea

"When that does not come about many are inclined to look around for another panacea—Communism," he said.

"We must make it plain that we are ready and willing to help them work out their ideas for the development of their resources for their own purposes."

The Point Four Programme, he said, must be infinitely flexible and adaptable to each of the countries taking part.

It was only one of many points in the United States foreign policy which could not succeed unless the whole foreign policy succeeded.

Mr. Acheson said it was sad but necessary that the United States should devote the greater part of its effort towards building the military defences of the free world.

"That must continue until a powerful shield has been built behind which the free countries can live with more guarantee of peace," he declared. — Reuter.

## British Servicemen's Transfers

London, Apr. 9.

Mr. Ian Harvey (Conservative) urged the Government in the House of Commons today to make it easier for British Servicemen to transfer to Commonwealth forces if they wish to do so.

Mr. Nigel Birch, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, said that applications from men in the Forces were considered on their merits.

"It must be borne in mind that we are doing our best at present to encourage men and women to stay in the United Kingdom forces," he said.

Commonwealth governments had been assisted on a number of occasions in recent years to recruit British ex-Servicemen into their armed forces.

Mr. Tom Driberg (Labour) asked for details of the widely differing scales of pay between the Commonwealth forces.

Mr. Birch said that he would require notice of that question. — Reuter.

## Portuguese Gift To Pontiff

Vatican City, Apr. 9.

Portuguese radio workers today presented the Pope with a model of a chapel in the Marconi Company's radio centre at Vendas Novas, south of Lisbon.

The chapel is dedicated to St. Archangel Gabriel, who was last year proclaimed patron saint of telecommunications by the Pope.

"The Pope spoke with the Portuguese, thanking them for their gift."

The Portuguese Ambassador, Senhor José Nogueira, was present. — Reuter.

## A Circus Star At 12



At the age of 12, John Stiel gives his father and mother a handsome salary to look after him. He can afford it for the cutty-headed little Dane is a star circus acrobat and his father is his trainer, while his mother is his stage assistant. He is busy rehearsing his best feat: a single-handed balancing act on the end of a walking stick. They say he can do tricks no one else can perform. His parents claim this is because they started training him when he was ten days old. — Express Service.

## Extension Of European Payments Union Asked

New York, Apr. 9.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Mr. Dirk Stikker, today called for the continuation and expansion of the European Payments Union.

He suggested that new gold reserves of about \$300,000,000 necessary to keep the Organisation alive for two years may be obtained through floating an international bond issue.

Mr. Stikker made this statement at a Press conference here. He indicated that conversations with the International Monetary Fund in this connection may take place soon.

Europe's economic progress since World War II had been tremendous and there was no doubt that recovery would have been completed had not the threat of Communist aggression obliged nations to adopt heavy rearmament programmes, he declared.

"For economies still recovering from the effects of the last war, the adoption of rearmament programmes entailing an average of 30 per cent of national expenditures constituted a burden whose weight could not be increased without endangering the economic and financial stability of Western Europe and, consequently, without jeopardising rearmament programmes themselves."

Mr. Stikker's statement continued: "The Netherlands is one of the European countries which has during the past year attained financial stability and, at the same time, worked on a rearmament programme of a large scope. It goes without saying that in the Netherlands the attainment of both goals involved great sacrifices affecting primarily the consumption level of the population and the rate of investments."

**AN EXAMPLE**  
"The Netherlands Government did not try to seek compensation by curtailing imports or imposing other trade restrictions. The Netherlands, therefore, could serve as an example of a country that in its own way is fulfilling its international commitments both militarily and economically."

"The measures that the Government is taking toward that purpose do not generally tend to increase its popularity."

Western European countries are now faced with the decision whether or not to continue the European Payments Union which expires on June 30. It is the only organisation in Europe which acts as an international clearing house and, therefore, its functions are indispensable.

"The EPU, however, was set up on the assumption that all participating countries would accept or later attain financial stability. This has not been the case and, therefore, the EPU falls apart in countries with excessive creditor positions and countries with excessive debtor positions. The former are threatening to leave the EPU and the latter are already introducing all kinds of measures restricting international trade."

## 54 TEEN-AGERS HELD RIOTOUS DRINKING PARTY

New York, Apr. 9.

Fifty-four teen-agers appeared in the juvenile court in Van Nuys, California, today in the aftermath of a riotous marijuana, vodka and "hehop" party.

Two were charged with possession of narcotics, two with being drunk and the rest with violation of California's curfew ordinance — the "big stick" law which provides that children under 18 must be home in bed by 9 p.m.

Hostess at the party was 14-year-old high school girl Inez Masterson. Her father, a \$10 a week post office employee, said she told him a few hours before the guests arrived that she had an "At home" to 35 couples she had invited from the school.

"But 30 to 40 more gate-crashers showed up," said Masterson dazedly today. "We didn't even know most of them."

At midnight, acting on a tip that it was the "biggest marijuana party in the valley," San Fernando Valley police broke in.

They found lights dimmed, vodka and whisky bottles all over the place, three marijuana cigarettes on the dining room floor, another under the television set, and some in the pockets of two boys. A gramophone was blaring bebop and jazz, and it took 12 police and a shuttle service of radio cars to haul the party of more than 100 to the local jail. And all the while they were "making the pinch" more gatecrashers kept arriving. And some of them were drunk.

**QUEUE AT COURT**  
Today Inez stood outside the juvenile court in wealthy Van Nuys and watched her guests and their parents drive up in their cars and form a queue outside the courthouse.

They were waiting their turn to be interviewed by the juvenile officers.

The curfew law (which enables the police to pick up and hold children too young to be "formally" arrested) is not taken seriously in practice in California.

Discovers violations mostly result in a formal juvenile inquiry to determine if the parents and child.

Hostess Inez, waiting her own turn in the queue, would say only one thing about her party. Said "Inez": "Gee! — London Express Service.

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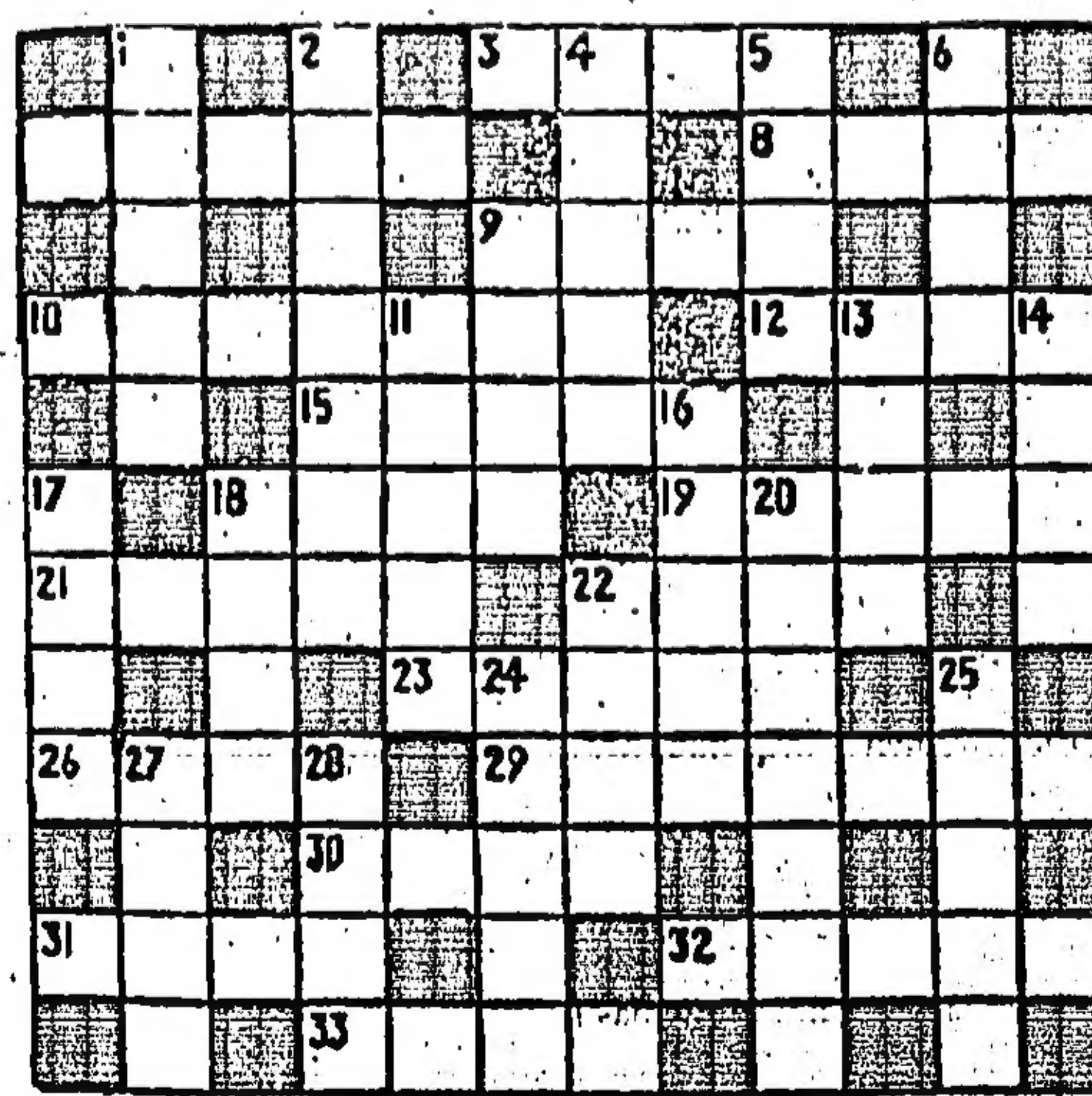
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- ACROSS**
- Expectant (4).
  - Tempest (5).
  - Nomad (4).
  - Slave (4).
  - Learned (7).
  - Failure (4).
  - Make into one (5).
  - Reminder of a wound (4).
  - Jump (5).
  - Mature (5).
  - Female deer (4).
  - Chooze (5).
  - Mob (4).
  - Workman (7).
  - Greedy (4).
  - Retain (4).
  - Cluster (5).
  - Snail whirpool (4).
- DOWN**
- Tale (5).
  - Xield (7).
  - Welcome (5).
  - Angler's necessary (4).
  - Pudding ingredient (4).
  - Ado (4).
  - Idiot (5).
  - Raucous (4).
  - Gig (4).
  - Dispossess (5).
  - Boast (4).
  - Revolve (4).
  - Old fashioned (7).
  - Flock (4).
  - Scottish landlord (5).
  - Month (5).
  - Summit (4).
  - Xawn (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Poles, 7. Ains, 9. Alter, 10. Riled, 11. Eros, 13. Froppling, 15. Tell, 16. Visa, 19. Michandled, 22. Toes, 24. Pairs, 25. Inter, 26. Torn, 27. Eleven, 28. Down: 2. Hail, 3. Carve, 4. Scroll, 5. Talented, 6. Lido, 8. Scrye, 12. Solid, 13. Pivots, 14. Fraining, 17. Sparer, 18. Chaste, 20. Noise, 21. Lithic, 23. Opal.



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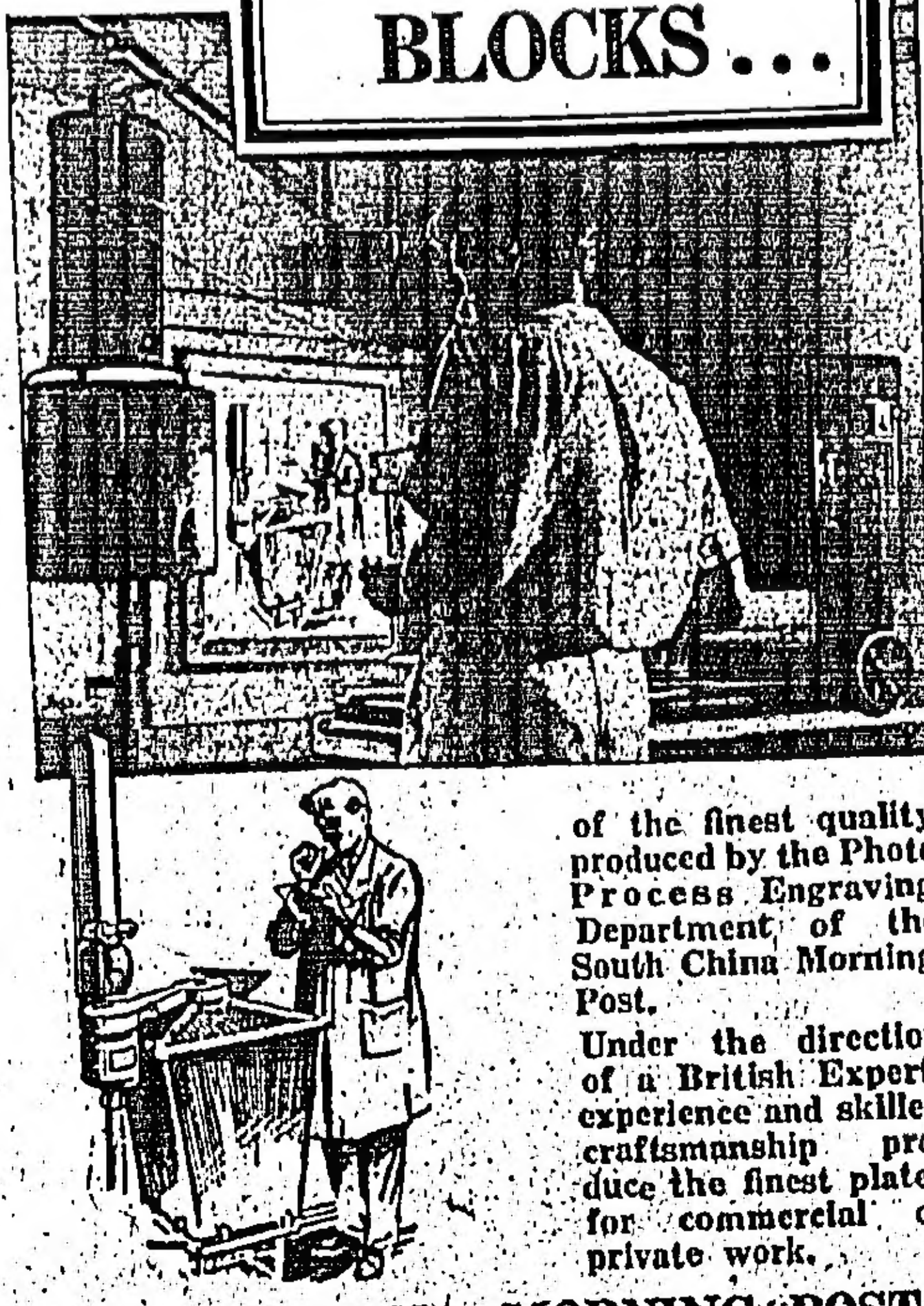
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# Choosing Leaders For The New Army

By GERALD PAWLE

**M**OST of us have  
set ideas on all  
manner of sub-  
jects about which we  
have no personal experience,  
and we cling to them like  
limpets. For long one of  
my own pet theories has  
concerned Army Selection  
Boards, and I have always  
felt sorry for the candidates  
appearing before a grim,  
analytical tribunal of psy-  
chiatrists.

I had not been at Westbury  
more than an hour or two before  
an uneasy suspicion that I was  
"off net" hardened into certainty.  
In the grounds of a large, ugly  
Victorian house at Westbury,  
in Wiltshire, the Regular Com-  
missions Board of the British Army  
has its headquarters. Here, week  
after week, come the young men  
— some already serving in the  
Army with temporary commis-  
sions, and others straight from  
civilian jobs—who have decided  
on a permanent military career.

Arriving at Westbury in  
batches of 35-40 they are split  
into five teams. Each team car-  
ries out all its tasks under the  
direction of a Lieutenant-Colonel,  
acting as a Deputy Presi-  
dent of the Board, and a Major  
with the quaint title of "Military  
Testing Officer." President of the  
Board is Major-General G.W.E.  
Heath, who came from com-  
manding the garrison at Malta to  
succeed Lieutenant-General Sir  
Frank Festing.

## Complex Task

**T**HE first thing which strikes  
one on meeting General  
Heath's "examining" team is  
their humanity, their acute  
understanding of human nature,  
and their commonsense ap-  
proach to the complex task  
of assessing the worth of  
a wide variety of candi-  
dates. Three days—which is all  
that each course lasts—may not  
seem adequate to size up the  
many facets of character re-  
quired of a leader of men, but  
so ingenious is the system and  
so ably is it exploited that it is  
difficult to imagine any miscarriage  
of justice.

The shrewd staff at Westbury  
are quick to detect the man who  
takes things easy in the various  
group tests, the candidate with  
bluff and bluster as his stock in  
trade, and the man who, with  
few constructive ideas of his  
own, spends his time criticising  
everyone else's suggestions.  
Psychiatry, as such, plays no  
part in the Westbury system. It  
is based entirely on a combina-  
tion of written tests (to obtain  
an estimate of the candidate's  
intelligence, and educational  
standard); group situations,  
which rapidly determine his  
potentialities as a leader; and  
interviews, which reveal his  
character and attitude to life.  
Once he is off duty, he is free to  
do whatever he likes, with no  
supervision or "snooping" to  
worry him.

## Uncanny

**G**RADUALLY a "profile" of  
each man is built up under  
more than a dozen headings, in-  
cluding an estimate of his initia-  
tive, determination, "capacity to  
unify" (i.e. his ability to bring  
all the resources of his group  
to bear on a task and hold the  
team together), and his sense  
of responsibility. It is uncanny  
to watch the "profile" emerging  
at the Final Board Conference.

How is the evidence compiled?  
I followed one course of 35  
candidates right through their  
programme. In it were sons of  
miners, barbers, gas engineers,  
parsons, solicitors' clerks, and  
Customs officials.

Among the "Raptur" candi-  
dates—men now in civilian  
jobs—were a schoolteacher who  
police officer, a schoolmaster who  
was severely wounded in the  
last war; a former employee of  
the Anglo-Iranian at Abadan; a  
student who listed as his twin  
hobbies "squash racquets and  
palaeontology"; and the manager  
of a ginger-beer factory.

## No Snobbery

**R**ANK and background count  
for nothing at all. The burly  
miner's son from Yorkshire had  
just as good a chance as the  
rest.

Snobbery of any kind has no  
place at Westbury. It is  
ability alone which counts, and  
this is unfailingly revealed by  
the group tasks, most of them  
staged in the fields surrounding  
the Board's headquarters.

I saw a dozen different com-  
mand tests. There was "Belsen,"  
where a large vat of "acid" has  
to be manhandled and hauled  
over a high wall with the sole  
aid of the limited amount of  
tackle provided; in its precarious  
progress the team had to pre-  
vent it from toppling the  
ground or spilling any of its  
contents.

Down by the lake was  
"Broken Bridge." Here the  
candidate in command when  
arrived was a respected  
captain who not long ago gained  
a notable D.S.O. for gallantry  
with the Gloucesters in Korea.

Into the chairman's seat  
of Lithgow, Ltd., world-  
famed Clyde-side ship-  
builders, goes 52-year-old  
Lady Lithgow. And on the  
board of Pawns and Leaps,  
big wholesale textile firm,  
goes 36-year-old Miss Rose-  
mary Phelps.

Fine jobs, both of them, for  
women to hold. Here, one  
might think, is a sign that at  
last "big business" is opening  
its boardroom doors more readily  
to women.

But it is not as simple as that.  
Family influence, rather than  
sheer business ability, is the rea-  
son why these doors have opened.

Lady Lithgow takes over the  
job held by her husband, the late  
Sir James Lithgow—to keep the  
name at the head of the firm.

And Miss Phelps succeeds her  
father, chairman for many years,  
to represent the family share-  
holding in the firm.

For too few women are get-  
ting up among the top brass of  
industry and finance on merit  
alone.

Why? Because leaders of big  
business believe: 1. The cul-

With a pole and two planks,  
neither long enough to bridge  
the "water jump," his task  
was to devise a method of  
getting a large petrol drum  
and his entire team across a  
ten foot chasm. This he  
managed most ingeniously, al-  
though, in fact, his team was  
one man too few for the  
orthodox solution of the prob-  
lem.

Though different in de-  
tail, the command tests had one  
thing in common. With strictly limited  
resources the leader had to  
overcome difficulties by in-  
telligent planning. He had to  
size up the special proficiency  
of the various men under him,  
and one team soon found they  
had a great asset in a naval  
lieutenant adept at "bricks and  
hitches." When the latter's own  
turn came to take command, he  
was disconcerted to find that  
his strong point had been  
noticed by his Military Testing  
Officer, Major Lord Seymour,  
who gave him the only task  
where no ropes were used!

## Discussions

**P**LANNING ability was also  
unearthed in an "Indoor situ-  
ation." First each man gave his  
written solution to a problem—  
the capture of secret documents  
from a German general's H.Q.  
in Crete—and then the team  
argued the whole operation out  
together. I gave a private  
bonus for imagination to the  
candidate who suggested that  
the water carafe in the General's  
quarters should be filled with  
wood alcohol!

In these group discussions  
the natural leader quickly  
emerged, and yet others with  
character, determination, and  
constructive ideas were not  
overshadowed. Each candidate

had to give a five-minute lecture  
on any subject he liked: in one  
session I attended, a civil ser-  
vant from Preston talked on  
bull fighting, a Sheffield  
engineer told us how to make  
a marine drive shaft, the  
Gloucesters captain lectured on  
Judo, a candidate from the  
R.A.O.C. from Altrincham dis-  
cussed on "fict and footwork,"  
and an infantry captain  
described a visit he had made  
to Tibet.

After the candidates had left  
I listened to the final assess-  
ments on two of the five teams  
on the course. There are five  
gradings. No one got an "A"  
(outstanding); one got a "B" (above  
average), and one or two  
finished with somewhat pre-  
carious "D's" (a bare pass).

Once I understood the system  
I found myself making my own  
mental gradings of the candi-  
dates I had watched. The West-  
bury grading habit is con-  
spicuously, with some apprehension,  
it dawned on me that even  
casual visitors to the Headquar-  
ters Mess are bound to come  
under the microscope of their  
shrewd hosts—the Lieut-  
Colonel who once held an  
Inter-Services boxing title, and  
other with two Cambridge  
blues, and the Army cricketer.

There is Mrs Annie Billmiller.  
Her husband, whom the City  
refers to affectionately as "Jack"  
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on us, a week office boy in a  
shipbroker's office.

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comparison with the giant "Big  
Five." But during the war,  
when her brothers were away,  
Miss Copley ran it very effi-  
ciently.

# Plan To Earn More Dollars And Get Britain Out of Hock

**A** New York, Tuesday.  
Last a plan emerges  
that will help us to  
stand on our own  
financial feet, earn  
more dollars, and perhaps  
get us out of hock.

The plan is simply to  
have a big, permanent ex-  
hibition in New York—and  
in other American cities  
later—of British manu-  
factured products.

The exhibition will be called  
"The British Isles"—an ob-  
vious, but effective, play on

words. Already the site has  
been chosen—the Sinclair Oil  
building in Rockefeller Centre,  
just off Fifth Avenue. This is  
an ideal site in my opinion.

There will be 38 large stands,  
and leading British firms are  
already bidding for them. This  
is to be our show-place and shop  
window, right in the heart of the  
city in an area where more than  
27,000,000 people pass every  
year.

The Board of Trade and the  
Bank of England know about  
this project, but have kept mum  
to see how it develops. I learned  
about it from Mr T. H. Cham-  
berlain, whose brain-child it is.  
Chamberlain has been following  
this Daily's campaign to earn  
dollars and called on me the  
other day.

He said: "It seems incredible  
that we have no permanent ex-  
hibition of British goods in New  
York. The Canadians have  
their exhibition, the Australians  
have theirs, and so have the  
Netherlands, the Swiss, and the  
Portuguese.

"As for the Italians, they have  
been wiping the floor with us.  
There have been special Italian  
weeks in the large department  
stores, there have been Italian  
sales drives and promotion cam-  
paigns. Italian goods are enjoy-  
ing phenomenal sales.

"So what to do about it? How  
to sell British goods?  
"Obviously we need a per-  
manent exhibition, and we are  
going to have one."

## Plans all laid

**C**HAMBERLAIN, an English-  
man, a world traveller, and  
an artist, showed me letters from  
a number of British firms who  
want to show their goods in  
"The British Isles."

He asked me to keep their  
names secret for the time being.  
He showed me detailed plans and  
piles of correspondence.

There is no doubt that this  
exhibition is needed. I think it  
will come off, but the proposed  
opening date of July 1 seems a  
little optimistic.

The ironical feature is that a  
good deal of American capital is  
behind what should have been  
an all-British project.

We certainly will never sell  
our goods in quantity if we don't  
have them on display for all  
Americans to see.

It is good to see our business  
men on the move. There has  
been advance on all fronts late-  
ly.

The tour of the three London  
buses is a master-stroke of  
showmanship, and the British  
Travel Association deserves  
every congratulation. No dollar  
drive of ours has received so  
much favourable publicity as  
this good-will tour. There have  
been editorials in almost every  
newspaper and magazine, and  
hundreds of straight news-  
stories.

Not even the Chicago Tribune  
has suggested that they are  
driven by spies or are here to

load up with American gold at  
Fort Knox.

Who thought up the wonder-  
ful idea of sending over the  
buses? He deserves a knight-  
hood.

The British Industries Fair is  
also attracting more interest  
than in previous years.

The Americans, who fancy  
themselves as the supreme go-  
getters and super-salesmen, are

impressed. They are even com-  
ing around to the idea that it  
might be better to give us the  
opportunity to earn dollars and  
not just borrow them.

This is a very important week  
politically. The Democrats are  
still "going around with stum-  
ped" expressions as a result of Presi-  
dent Truman's announcement  
that he will not run in the elec-  
tion, but they are not too dumb  
or dumfounded to know that  
they may have a better chance  
with a less controversial candi-  
date.

On the Republican side, Mr  
Taft has taken some wounding  
body-blows lately, mainly from  
General Eisenhower's support-  
ers. He has also been hurt by  
the actions and words of General  
MacArthur.

General MacArthur has been  
dancing on Taft's grave before  
the body is cold.

Some of his speeches have  
been to the far right, even of  
Taft.

**Fire and fury**  
THE American air is full of  
shellfire and fury, and it is  
surely time Eisenhower returned  
to the political battlefield here.

In New York it's not easy to  
tell whether the emergency is  
over or not. It has been an-  
nounced that the ban on white  
side-wall tyres has been lifted.  
The supreme sacrifice of giving  
up white-walled tyres was made  
in February 1951, and people  
said that things were really get-  
ting desperate. This was au-  
sterity. Next thing you knew  
a man might have to wait three  
or four weeks to get a new car.  
But now apprehension has sub-  
sided.

The announcement about tyres  
almost coincides with yet an-  
other air-raid rehearsal. On  
Thursday, at 8 p.m., New York-  
ers are asked to assume that an  
"unfriendly" nation has dropped  
two atomic bombs on the city.

The official release says that  
we are also to imagine that a  
five-m.p.h. wind will blow a  
blanket of radio-active mist  
over South Brooklyn. Five  
hundred and seventy-nine air-  
raid sirens will shriek and there  
will be mock rescuees. Finally,  
according to the authorities, "all  
temporarily derailed persons"  
will be taken into custody. Next  
Thursday at eight o'clock is ob-  
viously a good time to stay at  
home with a good book.

In show business Sandler's  
Wells Theatre Ballet has re-  
ceived only mild praise along  
Broadway. The critics have  
said that whether the troupe call  
themselves junior or not their  
performance is definitely junior  
compared with that of the pre-  
vious company, which inspired  
rave notices. Even so, the huge  
Warner Theatre, far too big for  
ballet, reports excellent busi-  
ness.

**Off key to me**  
**T**RUMAN CAPOTE'S "The  
Grass Harp" brought out  
a dazzling first-night audience,  
but some of the play seemed off  
key to me. Cecil Beaton's set-  
tings and period costumes are  
inspired.

George Tabori, who used to  
be in Fleet-street, has written a  
commendable play, "Flight into  
Egypt," which is bitterly  
eloquent and drew excellent re-  
views.

Elleen Peel, who decorated  
"Venus Observed," points out  
how wrong I was in forecasting  
a flop. Miss Peel is right. The  
play and all in it are a success.

The opening of the play  
"The Man in the White Suit" is  
additional evidence that the Bri-  
tish are producing a first-class  
superior film comedies these  
days. The New York  
critics generously concede this.

Bernard Harris

# DOORS THAT ARE (ALMOST) CLOSED TO WOMEN

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Why? Because leaders of big  
business believe: 1. The cul-

tomers will object to a woman.  
2. The shareholders will object.  
3. Women, in any event, are  
difficult to get on with.

This preoccupation with what  
"the customer might think" is  
especially marked in the banks.

No woman can hope to be-  
come a branch bank manager.  
Say the bank chiefs: "Men  
wouldn't like to discuss their  
financial affairs with a woman."

How do they know? An  
American bank, the St. Peters-  
burg (Florida) Savings and  
Loan Association, is run en-  
tirely by women. And its resources  
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vestors will not back a company  
which has a woman on the board.

It is high time this idea died  
out. For women today are help-  
ing to run some of Britain's best  
and most prosperous companies.

Among them is Miss Dorothy  
Cadbury, one of the directors of  
the £37,000,000 British Choco-  
late Company, which controls  
Cadbury Brothers and J. S. Fry  
and Sons.

There is Mrs Annie Billmiller.  
Her husband, whom the City  
refers to affectionately as "Jack"  
Billmiller, started at 13 as an  
on us, a week office boy in a  
shipbroker's office.

"Jolly Jack" would be one of  
the first to agree today that his  
success in building a millionaire  
shipowning business has been  
aided in no small degree by his  
wife, who remains a director of  
his companies.

Another successful married  
couple who have built a fine

Copley's Bank is small in  
comparison with the giant "Big  
Five." But during the war,  
when her brothers were away,  
Miss Copley ran it very effi-  
ciently.

business are Mr and Mrs George  
Bailey, whose South Wales ship-  
repairing docks are known to  
everybody who has ships at sea.

Says Mr Bailey: "I find it very  
useful to have a woman on the  
board. Women have qualities  
which men lack."

**M**RS George Gascoigne has been  
a director of Gascoigne  
(Reading) ever since her hus-  
band started this milking ma-  
chine and dairy engineering  
business 30 years ago. Says she:  
"I think women's usefulness  
springs from the fact that they  
look at a problem from a dif-  
ferent angle."

And her husband, who has  
seen the business grow from an  
affair, says:—

"My wife comes to the factory  
every day. I would far sooner  
have her round the place than  
some men."

Mr Cameron Cobbold, gov-  
ernor of the Bank of England,  
might well faint at the idea of  
having a woman director of the  
Bank. But his family brewing  
business—Cobbolds, of Ipswich  
—gets along very successfully  
with Lady Blanche Cobbold and  
Mrs P. M. A. Clifton on the  
board.

**Bernard Harris**



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## SPORTING GAM

By Reg. Wootton



# Saturday's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Racing will again form the main attraction in sporting circles during the Easter Holidays as the Hongkong Jockey Club's Easter Race Meeting starts on Saturday and continues on Monday.

Each day's programme will consist of 12 events; the First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will commence promptly at 12 noon.

The tiffin interval will follow on both days after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Saturday's most important event is the Sassoon Challenge Cup. It is a race for Ponies of the Hongkong Jockey Club of any season, weight 147 lbs., to be ridden by riders approved by the Stewards.

The Cup is presented by Sir Victor Sassoon, Bart., G.B.E., in memory of the late Mr. D. E. Sassoon, and will be held for the winner who will also receive a membership of the Club.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

**FIRST RACE**  
Shamshuipo Handicap (First Section)—Six Furlongs.  
The opening race on Saturday is confined to Class 9 ponies with novice jockeys as riders. In my estimation the result will be decided between Priority (Mr. A. H. Abbas), Strathnamara (Mr. Lau Yau-leung), Tunny (Mr. Yen Ching-lan) and Samson (Mr. H. C. Cheng).

Judging from its last outing when it won the Encouragement Handicap (Second Section) on the second day of the Annual Race Meeting, Priority has the best chance of scoring another win again with Strathnamara and Tunny as the main opposition.

I would, however, recommend keeping Samson in mind as this pony is fighting fit at the moment and may possibly create an upset.

**SECOND RACE**  
Tai Hang Handicap (First Section)—1 1/4 Miles.  
This race will be contested by Class 4 ponies, Ginger, ridden by Mr. E. K. Tu, came second in the Western Handicap (Second Section) over the mile on the third day of the Annual Race Meeting, carrying 147 lbs. It will be taken out by Mr. Y. K. Tu on Saturday and with a weight of another 5 lb. added, I think it has a good chance of winning.

The strongest opposition will come from Uncle Willie (Mr. Tseng), although unplaced in the first section of the above race.

Then there is Empress of Peace (Mr. Oliveira) to be considered, as it is good over this distance.

Chinese Macleod, which ran unplaced at the last day of the Annual Meeting with Mr. Tao up, will be taken out by Mr. C. F. Ng on Saturday and this combination will do better, probably winning.

Airs and Graces (Mr. Robert Tsai) should also be kept in mind as it is carrying 138 lb.

**THIRD RACE**  
Shamshuipo Handicap (Second Section)—Six Furlongs.  
The second section of Class 9 ponies will contest this event and look for the winner.

After its easy win in the Mount Nicholson Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post at the Fifth Race Meeting, it is only natural to expect that Kingfisher (Mr. Boycott), will be made firm favourite and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Flight (Mr. Oliveira) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer from a bad start.

Peacock (Mr. Renfrew), although unplaced the last time out with Mr. Lai Kai-kim up, is another pony which can be relied on to do well here. The distance also favours Sulphur (Mr. T. L. Wong), but I doubt if it can do better than place.

**FOURTH RACE**  
Talkoktall Stakes (First Section)—One Mile.  
This race is confined to Sub-section Ponies of 1952, whether they have started or not, will be taken out by the issue in this race and I think Fortuna (Mr. Oliveira), Castle Court (Mr. Kwok), New Zealand (Mr. Sumarq) and Solar Knight (Mr. Chun Kit) will be prominent at the finish.

With Fortuna, Mr. Oliveira has a great opportunity of winning this race just as capable as the others of winning.

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## DENNIS HART On THE MOST FAMOUS CRICKET SCHOOL IN THE WORLD

Never too young. Never too old. That might well be the motto of the indoor cricket school run by the three former Surrey and England players Alf Gover, Andy Sandham and Herbert Strudwick. This school situated in London's suburbia is probably the most famous of its kind in the world.

All types and ages are catered for, varying from the average club player to those who figure prominently in Wisdens. They come not only from all parts of Britain, but from the Commonwealth as well.

The school is open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 10 at night seven days a week, winter and summer, and there are always six coaches at work. And in the extra busy periods, such as Easter and August bank holiday weekends, extra staff is needed.

Coaching is much to the fore in cricket these days and is carried out in clubs and schools up and down the country. It has been suggested that we are in danger of over coaching, and players might be better off left to develop their own styles.

When I looked in at the school recently, I saw Alf, bearing the same kindly grin that has graced cricket grounds in all parts of the country, and put this point to him.

**RIGHT AND WRONG WAY**  
He told me that there is coaching, and coaching, and as in most things, there is a right and a wrong way of doing it.

The wrong sort of coaching is when a set style of play is forced on a player. It just can't be done he said and if it is attempted may prove ruinous.

But Gover believes that properly applied coaching is invaluable and seeks to prove this.

At the school they aim to teach the fundamentals of the game. The coaching naturally varies with the standard of the pupil. An England player is not given the same instruction as a novice.

When youngsters come they have their elementary faults corrected, such as a desire to play across the line of ball, instead of playing a straight bat. They are then shown how to play a straight bat, and how to make forward strokes, and strokes off the back foot.

What is most important, they are shown when to use those shots.

Top class players, who frequently come when they strike a bad patch, naturally do not need to be shown the basic principles. Instead, minor faults, which are often the cause of their dismissal, are ironed out.

It is the same with the bowlers. The youngsters' faults are corrected. The usual one being a tendency to bowl square instead of having the shoulders in line with the wicket. When this has been done they are taught how to bowl the different types of ball, leg breaks, off breaks, googlies. The more experienced are shown how to improve technique.

**THE WHOLE IDEA**  
The whole idea of coaching, especially in the case of the young player, is to give him experience. It is often said of a good youngster, that he plays like a veteran. This is frequently the result of good coaching.

The school has just the right men to instill this experience. Mr. Sandham is in charge of the bowling. The

batting is under the watchful eye of Andy Sandham, the old Surrey and England opening batsman, who in his playing career, scored over forty thousand runs, including 107 centuries. Herbert Strudwick, one of the greatest wicket-keepers ever, now in his 73rd year, supervises the coaching in this department.

The success of the school can be judged by the numbers who attend, and the fame they achieve. Derek Shackleton, Hampshire fast bowler who went with the MCC on their recent tour of India and Pakistan, Martin Young, Gloucester opening batsman, and Ken Frost, the Essex fast bowler, have all attended. Preston, who learnt nearly all his cricket at the school, was regarded the greatest English fast bowling prospect for years, until he had the misfortune to break his leg playing football two years ago. He is back in the game, but still feels effects of the injury.

Every summer, both India and Pakistan fly players over for coaching. The MCC team felt the effect of this on their recent tour. D. G. Philander, the all-rounder, did well with bat and ball in Test matches for India, and in the third Test hit a fine century. For Pakistan Khan Mohammad was constantly a thorn in the side of the English batsmen. And in the previous season against a Commonwealth team, he scored 300 runs in only one innings.

But perhaps the finest advertisement for the school is that shortly after it opened in 1928, one of the pupils was a young fast bowler. His name?—Alf Gover.

**Speech-making**  
**Unnerves**  
**Geoff Duke**

London, Apr. 9. Geoffrey Duke, the World Champion racing motor cyclist, lost his nerve tonight when trying to make a speech. At the Savoy Hotel, London, he has been presented with the Sportsman of the Year Trophy by Lord Aberdare, and after a short nervous speech he said: "The occasion is too much for me. I hope you won't mind if I stop now."

Duke faced a battery of cameras and cine cameras and two microphones, having won the trophy on a ballot organised by the Sporting Record, a publication.

Out of nearly a quarter of a million votes, cast for a number of British sportsmen, Duke polled the record high total of over 60,000.

Randolph Turpin, the British and former World Middleweight Boxing Champion, was second in the ballot, and Reg Harris, the World Sprint Cycling Champion, who had won for the past two years, was third.

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**HKCC Tennis Off**  
The finals of the HKCC Handicap Singles and Mixed Doubles, scheduled to be played yesterday, were postponed owing to the inclement weather.

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## DEATHS

YEUNG—Mrs. Young Wong Miu Tak, beloved wife of Yeung Wing, died at the General Hospital, Kowloon, on April 10, 1952, at the age of 60 years. Burial will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 11 a.m. from the International Funeral Parlour at 11 a.m.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ho Kam Hung (何錦鴻), of No. 312, Nathan Road, gr. fl., Kowloon, Hongkong, is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reasons why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, Hongkong.

## NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG Probate Jurisdiction

In the Goods of FRANK CECIL ROBERTS late of No. 60 Robinson Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 25(1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance, (Cap. 10), made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 30th day of April, 1952.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th April, 1952 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 23rd April, 1952 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1952.

## PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post-Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

## This Dog Talks To Children

London, Apr. 9. Like all dog owners, Mrs. Gladys Taylor, 51-year-old local canteen worker, always says hello to her three-year-old black-and-white mongrel Trixie.

But Trixie is not like all dogs. She says hello back.

Trixie is the talking dog of Smethwick, Staffordshire. The only thing wrong with her conversation is that she sometimes drops her h's.

At present her vocabulary is limited to saying "Hello, my Mum" and an occasional "No."

But Mrs. Taylor thinks Trixie could be taught as well as any parrot to say a lot more.

Said Mrs. Taylor: "All the kiddies in the district come to hear her talk, but sometimes when she gets fed up she just says 'No'."

"Round here she is almost taken for granted, but some people who do not know her look a bit worried when she starts talking."

Miss Marjorie Eaton, a Birmingham engine expert, has heard Trixie speak. She said: "She is definitely trying to articulate—a dog does not normally use its larynx and its tongue to reproduce the sounds of words as she does."

"The only other case I've ever come across was a dog owned by a count in Monte Carlo. It would say to complete strangers: 'You are you'—that is, it dropped its h's also."

## Murder Of British Girl In Paris

Paris, Apr. 9. Jean Liger, 20-year-old painter and decorator, was accused of the voluntary homicide of Miss Jackie Richardson, the young British nurse who was found buried close to a ruined "temple of love" in the Chateau de Louveciennes, near Versailles.

The charge, which can be varied to murder or manslaughter, followed a police reconstruction of the alleged crime in the fog-obscured grounds of the chateau, the former home of Mme. du Barry, "favourite" of Louis XV.

Police confirmed that the Duke of Windsor recently entered into negotiations for renting the chateau, but failed to agree on the terms of the lease.

Wearing handcuffs, Liger took detectives along the route from the chateau to the marble temple which he and Miss Richardson followed on the day of her death.

Liger, dark and handsome, shivered under his light raincoat as he described again how Miss Richardson slapped him and he felled her with his fist.

He gestured into the nearby undergrowth to show where he seized the girl with which, his alleged confession said, he knocked her unconscious before strangling her.

## STEEL PRICE INCREASED

Johannesburg, Apr. 9.

The price of steel produced by the South African Iron and Steel Corporation (ISCOR) is to go up by 20 a short ton from tomorrow.

An average increase of just under 20 per cent will apply to all types of steel delivered from tomorrow.

Despite the rise ISCOR steel is still among the cheapest in the world and about half the price of imported steel.

Old steel varied from 220 to 240 per ton according to type and quality, with an average price of 234 which has now risen to an average price of 240.—Reuter.

## R.N.V.R. EASTER CRUISES

London, Apr. 10.

More than 600 officers and men of the R.N.V.R. will spend Easter week-end at sea carrying out a big programme of cruises which mark the beginning of the summer training schedule, the Admiralty announced today.

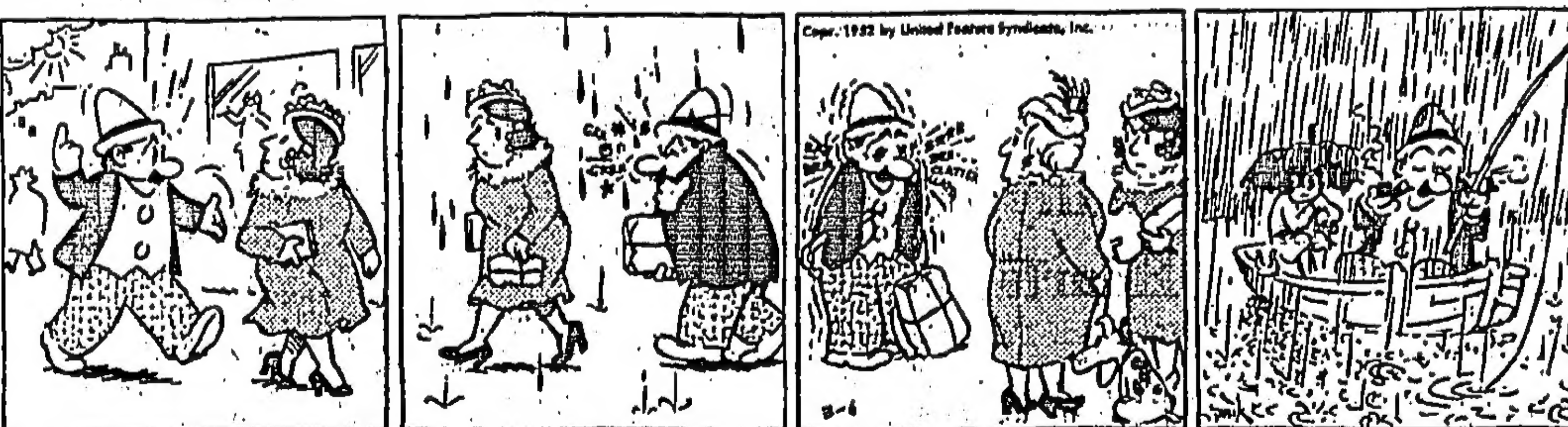
Tenders of five of the 12 Home R.N.V.R. divisions will be visiting foreign ports. In addition, officers and men of all 12 R.N.V.R. divisions and certain R.N.V.R. (wireless) reserve districts will embark in H.M. ships at home ports.—Reuter.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



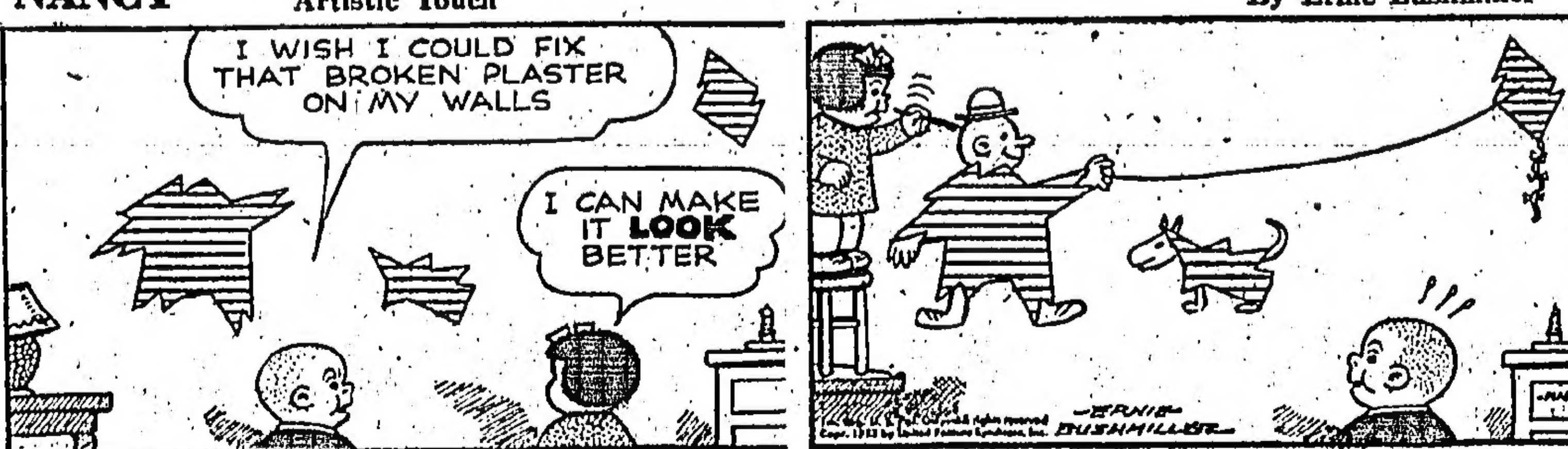
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Outwards	Leaves London	Arrives Hongkong
"OZARDA"	11th April	from Japan
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## Naval Fraud Summonses Are Dropped

London, Apr. 9.

Summonses against the managing director of a ship-repairing firm accusing him of defrauding the Admiralty were withdrawn by the prosecution at Fombroke Dock, Wales.

Michael Richard Lloyd Hayes, of Four Ashes, Cotherton, Fombroke Dock, managing director of R.S. Hayes, Ltd., ship-repairers, had been accused of obtaining a total of £140 by falsely pretending that 18 workmen when they were not.

Mr. Norman Richards, prosecuting, had said at the beginning of the three-day hearing that Hayes's chauffeur, gardener, and handyman were charged to the Admiralty. He said that it was plain that some charges were wrongly allocated.

"But after the evidence and the searching cross-examination, it is, I think, equally clear that the prosecution have not established intent to defraud the Admiralty," he added withdrawing the summonses.

The evidence did not support any allegation that Mr. Hayes knew of the method adopted of erasing words from time-cards.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, Q.C., defending, said he did not suggest for a moment that the case should not have been brought in view of the rumours spread about by dishonest, disgruntled, and dismissed employees.

It was abundantly necessary that it should be ventilated in court.

## Korea Casualties

Washington, Apr. 9.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1952.

## LABOUR ISSUES FOREIGN POLICY PAMPHLET

London, Apr. 10.

A foreign policy pamphlet published by the Labour Party today visualised the possibility that a rearmament Germany might seek to draw the Western world into war for the recovery of her national unity.

The Party's Secretary, Mr Morgan Phillips, in a foreword, was careful to emphasise that this and other new pamphlets projected are in no sense policy statements and that neither the National Executive nor the Party is committed to the views expressed.

The document made these points:

Western Germany's first interest is to recover national unity. She could best obtain it by agreement with Russia which would give her opportunities for industrial expansion in Eastern Europe.

A rearmament Germany might force the Soviet to buy her friendship by handing back the Soviet Zone and perhaps the Polish provinces. There was "a possibility that a rearmament Germany might seek to draw the Western world into a war for the recovery of its national unity."

It was impossible to defend Europe north and east of the Rhine unless Germany made a contribution.

It was most important that the Western Powers produce a military framework strong enough to hold an armed Germany on the Western side. Indications were that the continental European Army as now envisaged would not be strong enough.

Britain could not join such an army without America. The only framework that could utilize

Western side was the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It was unrealistic to believe that steps could now be taken to prevent Germany becoming once again a Great Power in her own right. The only relevant question was to ensure that a powerful Germany worked with the West rather than with Russia or for selfish national aggrandisement, the pamphlet said.

On the subject of Big Power relationships, the pamphlet said that since Korea, where she had most of the casualties, America had been less tolerant of foreign advice on how she could use her immense strength. This would create many problems for Britain in the years ahead.

The Commonwealth could not survive an Anglo-American break. British security in the short run and the world mutual aid plan in the long run depended on American support.

America but how to work with her most effectively.

From the Korean outbreak onwards, America had shown a growing tendency to act contrary to British advice, particularly in Asia.

The whole world would benefit if America accepted greater responsibility for the security and prosperity of the Middle East and Southern Asia.

**MIDDLE EAST**

The pamphlet said that the Middle East was the one area where the late British Labour Government did not succeed in laying firm foundations for future policy. The reason was not far to seek, it said.

"Everywhere, except in Israel, the Government is in the hands of tiny groups of very wealthy people who too often show themselves at once selfish, corrupt and incompetent. Political organisation is almost non-existent except in Persia, Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon."

"One political feeling easily aroused is nationalism and this usually means violent hatred of Britain which for many years has been the dominant power throughout the Middle East," the pamphlet declared.

Regarding living standards it said it was not easy to decide what means could be found to raise them.

"So long as governments remain corrupt and incompetent, foreign aid is as likely to disappear into casinos as to be used for development projects," it commented.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We're on the way home, Mom — make Dad put his shoes on!"

## Dairy Farm's Complaint Against Woman

### Alleged False Description On Milk Bottles

Mr C. F. J. Ray, a representative of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited, figured as complainant in a summons against a woman, Kwan Man, alias Kwan Oi-chun of the Sai Yeung Store, 322, Sai Yeung Choi Street, who was alleged to have offered for sale 54 bottles of milk to which a false trade description was applied.

Defendant was brought before Mr Horace Lo at Kowloon this morning and she pleaded not guilty to the summons.

Hearing of the case was fixed for May 7 at 2.30 p.m.

Mr P. A. L. Vine appeared for the Dairy Farm and Mr A. el Arculli was for the accused.

The summons alleged that on March 30, defendant had in her possession for sale 54 bottles of fresh milk to which the false description "perfectly pasteurised T.B. Free Milk" was applied. The inscription was in red ink and it was in the similar manner used by the Dairy Farm to denote and mark fresh milk.

The same woman was also summoned by the Urban Council authorities on two counts of contravening the Milk and Dairies bye-laws.

It was alleged that on March 31, defendant used 322 Sai Yeung Choi Street ground floor as a milk shop which had not been duly registered with the Urban Council.

She was alleged to have been in possession for sale of 256 bottles of reconstituted milk at the same premises, not being a registered dairy or milk shop.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both summonses, but Mr Lo deferred sentence.

## Government Appointments

The following official appointments are notified in today's Government Gazette.

Mr W. R. Main, CA, to be Economic Secretary.

Mr B. W. James, BSC, AMICE, to be an engineer, PWD, on probation.

Mr L. W. Crew to be an Assessor, Grade 1.

Mr R. Hastie, ACCA and Mr W. Rees, FCA, to be Assessors, Grade 1, on probation.

Mr J. D. McDouall to be Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr R. M. Hetherington to be Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry.

Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite to be Deputy Financial Secretary.

Miss H. Gordon Grant, SRN, SCM, to be Principal Matron.

Miss V. N. Brett, SRN, SCM, to be Matron, Class 1.

Mr E. H. Sainsbury, to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court until further notice.

## Women Inspectors Charged

Two women inspectors of the Price Control Section, Department of Commerce and Industry, were charged before Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning with corruption.

The defendants were Leong Kai-yeo alias Veronica Leong, 27, of 78 Queen's Road Central, third floor, and Chan Pak-ha alias Rita Chen, 24, of 2 Caine Road, top floor.

They were alleged to have received a bribe of \$200 from Yeung Hing-chen on February 20, as a reward for forebearing to prosecute Yeung for an offence committed under the Price Control Regulations.

Defendants were also alleged to have received \$250 from Cheung Yuk-wo on March 7.

At the request of Inspector Jones, the defendants were remanded eight days. They are on bail of \$1,000 each.

## RHKDF PROMOTIONS

The following appointments and promotions in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force are announced.

Pte R.G. Colman, Sgt I.P. Tamworth and Pte M.A.R. Young-Herries to be Lieutenants.

Capt H. A. de Barros Botelho promoted to the rank of Major.

Lieut J. A. C. Hurlbatt promoted to the rank of Captain.

All the above are members of the Hongkong Regiment.

In the Home Guard, Capt E.G. Stewart has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Yuen Yuk-ling, 33, owner of sampan 6265, was fined \$40 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for being under way without navigation lights and for failing to renew his licence. Yuen's 18-pet boat was intercepted off Shaukei wan yesterday morning while on route to Chakaling. His licence expired last June.

## Defence Counsel's Arguments In Claim Against The APL

### Submits Contract Subject To American Law

A submission that this was undoubtedly an American contract and that the carriers (defendants) being entitled to rely on the American law by virtue of the Bill of Lading, there was no question but that they were justified in their refusal to deliver the goods, was made by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, leading Counsel for the Defence in his final address in an action for alleged non-delivery of goods from the USA (which had been landed in Hongkong) before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr d'Almada stated that the defendants were prevented from performing their contract, prevented from delivery of the goods upon demand by the laws of their country, and the prohibition which in fact was the restraint.

The claim, for \$224,410, was brought by the China Mutual Trading Co., Ltd., of Nos. 13-27 Ice House Street, against the American President Lines, Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, USA, and with offices in Hongkong in St George's Building.

Plaintiffs claimed the delivery of various textile goods, machinery, technical text-books, drugs, and photographic materials under three bills of lading per the American steamers Mount Davis, President Monroe and President Buchanan, which landed into Kowloon Godowns on December 19, 1950, or their value and damages for detaining the same.

Mr d'Almada said that the plaintiffs throughout the course of their arguments had shown the fact that this was an American contract governed by American law. He said that they had further beclouded the issue by constant reference to the fact that this kind of legislation must shock the conscience because it was confiscatory, the arguments of which, Counsel said, were based upon pure conjecture.

**BILL OF LADING.**

No reference was made in the course of plaintiffs' Counsel's arguments to a clause in the bill of lading which set out the defence. Even if his friend were correct in saying that it incorporated in the bill of lading the American Carriage of Goods by Sea Act in the bill of lading would not avail the defence, nonetheless it was a plea which would fit into clause 5 of the bill of lading. There was no magic in the words "restraint of trade" and clause 5 was clear on the point.

Counsel said that this was without any doubt an American contract and construed by the American law. The goods were carried on the terms of this contract and upon them they justified their refusal to deliver. There was no evidence before the Court that defendants were seeking to remove them elsewhere.

A great part of Mr Chen's argument in his address yesterday dealt with the question of confiscatory legislation, Mr d'Almada went on, and with respect he suggested that Mr Chen's argument was really much more address in which Kowloon Godown might be a defendant before the Court. It had no bearing whatsoever on the case. The sole issue was whether or not defendants had justified their detention of the goods.

What Mr Chen said was that to all intents and purposes this bill of lading was a dead letter at the time the cargo was over the side, Counsel said. That was not so as a reference to the bill would reveal the words "to be delivered." So far from it being a dead letter the moment the goods went over the side, Counsel said that it remained very much the terms upon which this contract of carriage was to be performed, and until those goods were delivered there was no question, but that every clause in the bill of lading must be given its full value.

**IMPORTANT POINT**

Mr Counsel said he was now coming to an important point in the American law which governed the present case and for which evidence had been placed before the Court by Mr d'Almada. A question of foreign law was a question of fact. As such it had to be proved by experts and there was no ques-

tion, he submitted, of the Court itself interpreting any foreign statute or code unless there was a conflict of evidence before it, and as there was no evidence of any conflict, he submitted that in view of the nature of the quality of the evidence produced by Mr Marius, there was no question, but that the Court must accept that evidence as a proper evidence of the fact of American law.

All that had been suggested against Mr Marius' evidence in cross-examination was that Mr Marius had only four years' experience as a lawyer, he was a tyro and should go back to Harvard. Counsel submitted that there was nothing in any part of Mr Marius' evidence which justified that belittlement.

His evidence before the Court was of a fact on the American law which was not contradicted by any party and the Court must therefore accept it.

Referring to the transportation orders and the FAC regulations, Mr d'Almada said that there was also uncontradicted evidence from Mr Marius to the effect that goods on American ships were subject to the jurisdiction of the American Courts.

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## Living Language

Why we say Mansion.

"Mansion" today describes a private residence of considerable size. The word comes from the Latin "manere" to rest or dwell, and "mansio" may still be applied to a person resting somewhere for a short while. The first "mansions" (that is, places where one could rest for a time) were roadside sleeping-houses and because they were necessarily large the word gradually took on its present meaning.

## Mail Notices

Latest times of posting of unregistered correspondence at the General Post Office; the latest times of posting for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than those for unregistered mail. Particulars regarding parcel mails may be obtained by enquiry at the G.P.O.

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 11, 12 and 13 respectively, the G.P.O. Hong Kong and the Kowloon Post Office will open for public business from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day, and all other post offices will be closed. There will be one general delivery commencing at 10 a.m. on each day, and there will be no collection from all posting boxes.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10**

By Air  
Indo-China, 5 p.m., Air Vietnam.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface  
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 5 p.m., as Lee Hoe Tak Shipping Co. as American Mail.

**GENERAL HOLIDAY FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

By Air  
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 9 a.m., via P.A.C.

By Surface  
Siam, India, W. Pakistan, Bahrain, Great Britain, Europe, 9 a.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface  
Burma, India, 10.30 a.m., Thai Airways.  
Formosa, Japan, Noon, C.A.T.  
Okinawa, Noon, N.A.S.L.  
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.  
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, Noon.

By Surface  
Macao, Noon, as Lee Hong.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.  
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, East & South Africa, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, as Canton.  
Indo-China, Indonesia, Noon, as Thailand.

By Surface  
Burma, Noon, as Hui Hing.  
GENERAL HOLIDAY SATURDAY, APRIL 12

By Air  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, via B.O.A.C.

By Surface  
U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.  
Japan, Noon, B.O.A.C.  
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, Noon, Air France.  
Siam, Noon, Thai Airways.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 8 a.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface  
Macao, Noon, as Lee Hong.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.  
Formosa, 9 a.m., as Wing Sang.  
Japan, Canada, Noon, as John Baker.

By Surface  
Hawaii, U.S.A., Central & South America, Noon, as Pacer.  
France, India, 10.30 a.m., as Eastern Queen.

By Surface  
Indo-China, 10 a.m., as Angelina.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.00, 1st. Light Music—London Promenade Orchestra; 7.15, Letter from America, by Aileen Wilson; 7.30, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, as Canton. Indo-China, Indonesia, Noon, as Thailand.

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